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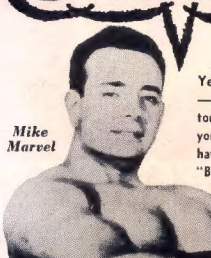
MY SECRET NEW DYNAFLEX METHOD

CAN BUILD YOU A MAGNIFICENT NEW HE-MAN-MUSCLED BODY IN JUST TEN MINUTES A DAY—with absolutely NO weights—NO bar-bells —NO EXERCISE AT ALL!



Mike Marvel

Yes! If they LAUGH at you now when you take off your shirt—they'll be amazed —once they've seen the rugged DYNAFLEX BODY I can give you! I'll build you a tough massive body—shoulders clad with solid inches of he-man BRAWN. I'll give you bulging biceps, trip-hammer fists, power-packed legs, and a chest that will have you popping the buttons off your shirt with pride! (—says MIKE MARVEL, "Builder of Champion Bodies")

In my classes this same course of Instruction would cost $110.00.

ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PEP?

Whether you're thin and scrawny, or sagging with unhealthy fat — my secret DYNAFLEX method will cram pep, vigor and red-blooded vitality into your puny, exhausted body. Once DYNAFLEX makes you a two-fisted dynamo of manly beauty, rippling with power, gloating with magnetic appeal—you'll be bursting with get-up-and-go. Man, you'll be really ALIVE—tingling with zest and rip-roaring energy—for the first time in years!

PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddy told me about DYNAFLEX. It really works —and how! I've put two inches of solid muscle on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!" L. C., New York City

"I never thought you could build terrific muscles without exercises or weights. Started DYNAFLEX two weeks ago, and am building a great physique."

E. G., Detroit, Mich.

"DYNAFLEX is the best yet. Only three weeks, and I have more data than I can handle! I am telling all my pals about DYNAFLEX." F. S., Chicago, Ill.

ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—lousy shoulders—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do they laugh and grin when you take off your shirt?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely he-man MEAT to your build. I can take those lousy arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that caved-in chest and build on six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SIZED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT RIPPLING DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will have them gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise. NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

Or is your problem a body sagging with soft rolls of unhealthy, handsome FAT? Puny chest—sagging stomach—bloated face—arms heavy with layers of BLUBBER? Are you ASHAMED to go to the beach and let them see your "FAT-MAN PHYSIQUE"?

If so, wake up fella! THIS IS IT! I will peel off that fat—and give you a lean virile DYNAFLEX BODY, armored with a sheath of hard tough handsome muscle. I can build you into a healthy, streamlined HERCULES—bursting with dynamic manly strength. I'll give you a taut rock-hard midsection—legs muscled like coil steel springs. I can load you with DYNAMITE into your fists and give you a rugged handsome build brim-full of the SMART SLEEK BODY APPEAL. And with NO starvation diets — NO fatiguing calisthenics — NO expensive health-foods!

HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes my 10-minute exercises, "crash" diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells, DYNAFLEX is the startling discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the Science of Muscle found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day! DYNAFLEX you FLEX your "flex" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, hefting heavy weights.

DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bursting out in glorious fullness and satiny symmetery. DYNAFLEX packs that muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can cover your bony frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest—solid shoulders—and even reduce that fat midsection—and trim, steel-spring legs—simply thru "DYNAFLEXING!" each muscle once a day! There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight-lifting method . . . but why bother? Why waste time and money, why sweat and strain your way to a strong, broad symmetrical SAMSON-STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—bigger—faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET!

STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S ADMIRED!

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Be a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE APPEAL . . . they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's"!

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and stamina that will help make you popular.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAFLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, pal, say goodbye to your weak, flabby frame—and say hello for adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to have people see your MAGNIFICENT HE-MAN MUSCLES at the beach or gym. And, when the fellows stare with envy and jealousy—when friends crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps or touch your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement HOW you did it—tell them about the Magic Secret of DYNAFLEX!

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ARE YOU AFRAID TO GET STARTED?

Then rush the coupon now, and receive my FREE GIFT booklet, "SECRETS OF BEING ATTRACTIVE!" Let me show you how you can be a real success with the opposite sex. Let me show you how you can be popular, admired, envied by all. Let me show you how you can be a real MAN among men. Let me show you how you can be a real HE-MAN with the women. Let me show you how you can be a real success in life. Let me show you how you can be a real success in love. Let me show you how you can be a real success in everything. Let me show you how you can be a real success in everything. Let me show you how you can be a real success in everything

IT WAS, INDEED, A GRIM DAY FOR THE CITIZENS OF GOTHAM! FOR THEIR CRIME-FIGHTING HERO HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A FANTASTIC MENACE! HOW WAS SUCH A THING POSSIBLE, YOU ASK? IT BEGAN WHEN CRIMINALS WITH ANIMAL-LIKE POWERS STALKED THE STREETS OF THE CITY SEEKING RICHES! AND IT CAME TO A CLIMAX WITH BATWOMAN IN TEARS... AND ROBIN IN A DILEMMA OVER THE CREATION OF..
BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
The BATMAN CREATURE!
AAARRRUUUGH!
B-BACK, BATWOMAN-- HE MAY ATTACK YOU!
PLEASE... PLEASE, BATMAN-- YOU MUST RECOGNIZE ME! DO SOMETHING... SAY SOMETHING BEFORE THEY... SHOOT YOU DOWN!
BOB KANE

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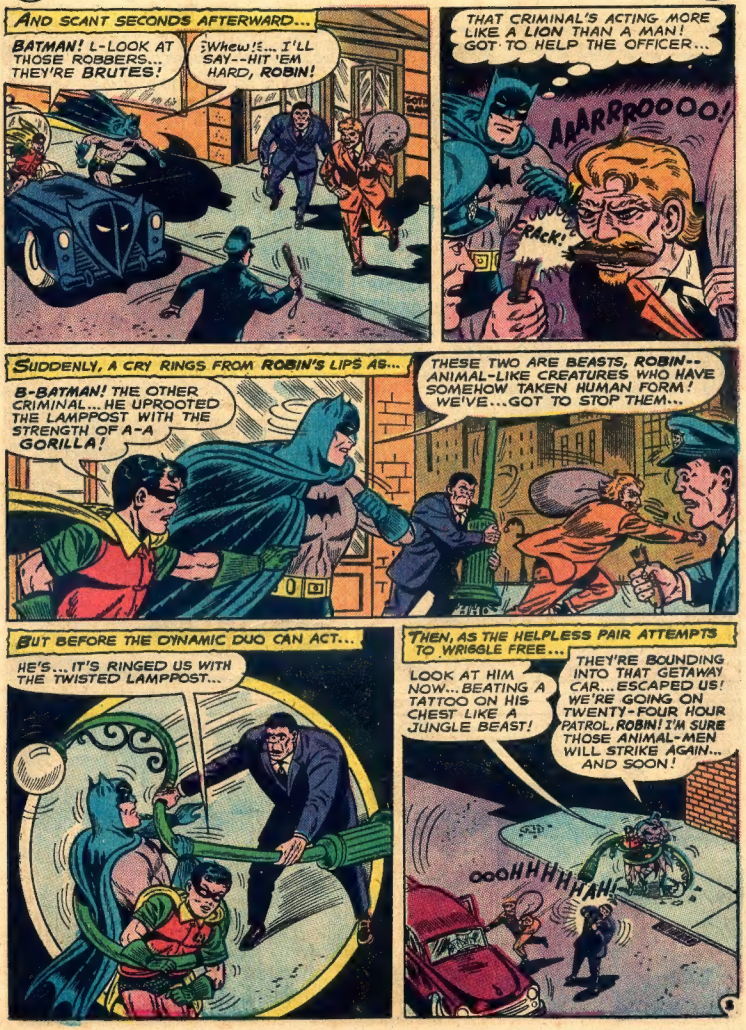
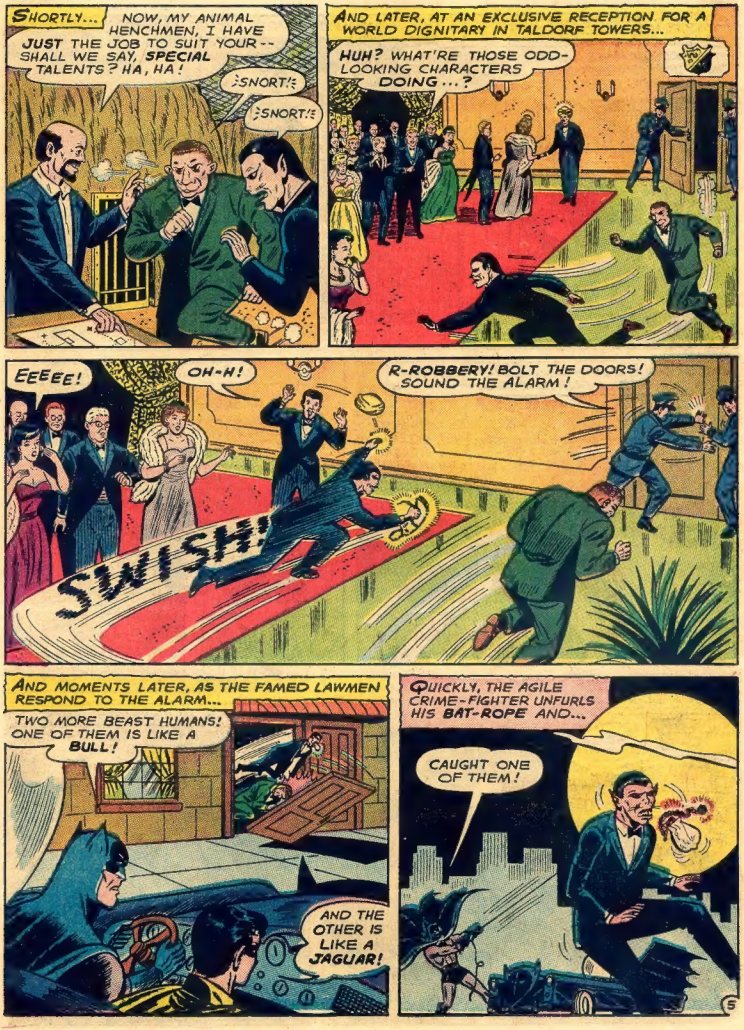
TWO ODD FIGURES QUIETLY ENTER GOTHAM CITY BANK, ONE DAY...
THERE'S SOMETHING... ANIMAL-LIKE ABOUT THOSE TWO MEN, DON'T YOU THINK?
SUDDENLY, CUSTOMERS FALL BACK IN AWE, AS...
ARRROOW!
G-GREAT GRIEF!
PANIC REIGNS AS THE INCREDIBLE HAPPENS BEFORE THE EYES OF THE ONLOOKERS...
THEY'RE MADMEN -- W-WITH FANTASTIC STRENGTH! HELP! HELP!
JUST TWO MEN... WITHOUT GUNS... THEY'VE OVERPOWERED THE GUARDS... RIPPED THE BANK APART! HURRY! HURRY!
MOMENTS LATER, A POLICE RADIO BULLETIN BLARES AS BATMAN AND ROBIN LEAVE THE GOTHAM DETECTIVE SOCIETY...
ALL CARS -- ALL CARS -- TWO MADMEN WITH INCREDIBLE STRENGTH LOOTING CITY BANK...
GREAT GOSH! I FINISHED MY ADDRESS JUST IN TIME, ROBIN! LET'S GO!


AND SCANT SECONDS AFTERWARD...
BATMAN! L-LOOK AT THOSE ROBBERS... THEY'RE BRUTES!
;Whew!... I'LL SAY--HIT 'EM HARD, ROBIN!
THAT CRIMINAL'S ACTING MORE LIKE A LION THAN A MAN! GOT TO HELP THE OFFICER...
AAARRROOOO!
SRACK!
SUDDENLY, A CRY RINGS FROM ROBIN'S LIPS AS...
B-BATMAN! THE OTHER CRIMINAL...HE UPROOTED THE LAMPPOST WITH THE STRENGTH OF A-A GORILLA!
THESE TWO ARE BEASTS, ROBIN--ANIMAL-LIKE CREATURES WHO HAVE SOMEHOW TAKEN HUMAN FORM! WE'VE...GOT TO STOP THEM...
BUT BEFORE THE DYNAMIC DUO CAN ACT...
HE'S...IT'S RINGED US WITH THE TWISTED LAMPPOST...
THEN, AS THE HELPLESS PAIR ATTEMPTS TO WRIGGLE FREE...
LOOK AT HIM NOW...BEATING A TATTOO ON HIS CHEST LIKE A JUNGLE BEAST!
THEY'RE BOUNDING INTO THAT GETAWAY CAR...ESCAPED US! WE'RE GOING ON TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PATROL, ROBIN! I'M SURE THOSE ANIMAL-MEN WILL STRIKE AGAIN... AND SOON!
OOOHHHHHAH!

LATER, A STRANGE FOURSOME ARRIVES AT A CAMOUFLAGED LOCALE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM...
GOSH, BOSS, YOUR TRAINED ANIMAL-HUMANS SURE DID A GOOD JOB!
YES, I'M REALLY PROUD OF LEO AND BONGO! PUT THEM IN THEIR CAGES AND GIVE THEM SOME FOOD, ROSCOE!
ALLIGATOR
BULL-TORO
JAGUAR-SPEEDY
SHORTLY...
I'VE BEDDED THEM DOWN FOR THE NIGHT, BOSS! WHAT'S NEXT ON YOUR CRIME LIST?
TORO THE BULL AND SPEEDY THE JAGUAR WILL BE OUR NEXT ANIMAL-HUMANS, ROSCOE! HA, HA! FETCH THEM!
MY VENTURE HAS PROVEN ITSELF! SOON THE WORLD WILL TREMBLE AT THE NAME OF ERIC BARROC... MAKER OF THE TRAINED BEAST-HUMANS!
BARROC PRESSES A BUTTON--AN ELECTRONIC RAY SHOOTS FROM HIS MACHINE, AND...
IT TOOK ME YEARS TO PERFECT THIS TRANS-FORMATION MACHINE, ROSCOE...


SHORTLY...
NOW, MY ANIMAL HENCHMEN, I HAVE JUST THE JOB TO SUIT YOUR-- SHALL WE SAY, SPECIAL TALENTS? HA, HA!
;SNORT!;
;SNORT!;
AND LATER, AT AN EXCLUSIVE RECEPTION FOR A WORLD DIGNITARY IN TALDORF TOWERS...
HUH? WHAT'RE THOSE ODD-LOOKING CHARACTERS DOING...?
EEEEE!
OH-H!
R-ROBBERY! BOLT THE DOORS! SOUND THE ALARM!
SWISH!
AND MOMENTS LATER, AS THE FAMED LAWMEN RESPOND TO THE ALARM...
TWO MORE BEAST HUMANS! ONE OF THEM IS LIKE A BULL!
AND THE OTHER IS LIKE A JAGUAR!
QUICKLY, THE AGILE CRIME-FIGHTER UNFURLS HIS BAT-ROPE AND...
CAUGHT ONE OF THEM!
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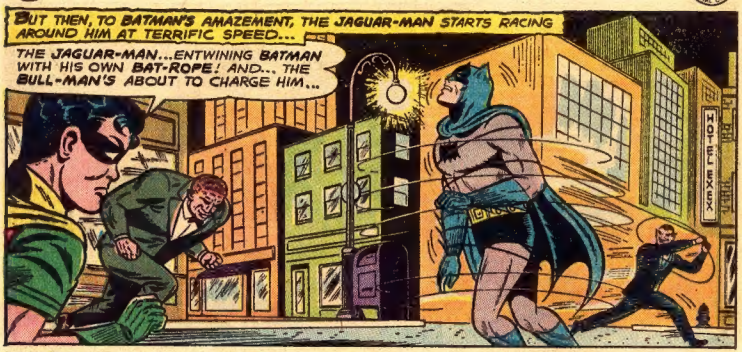
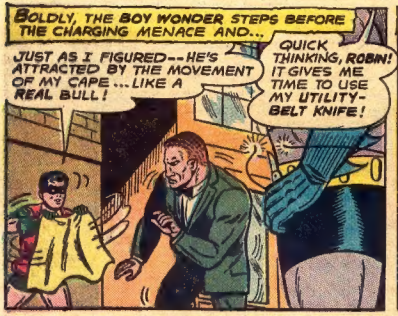
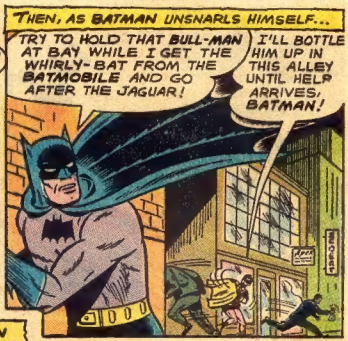
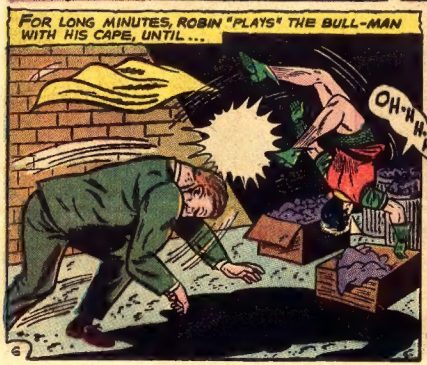
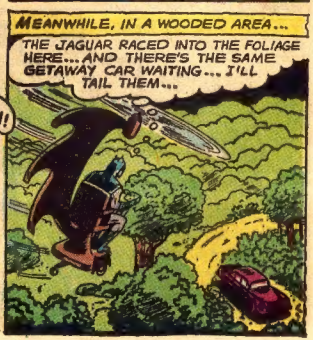
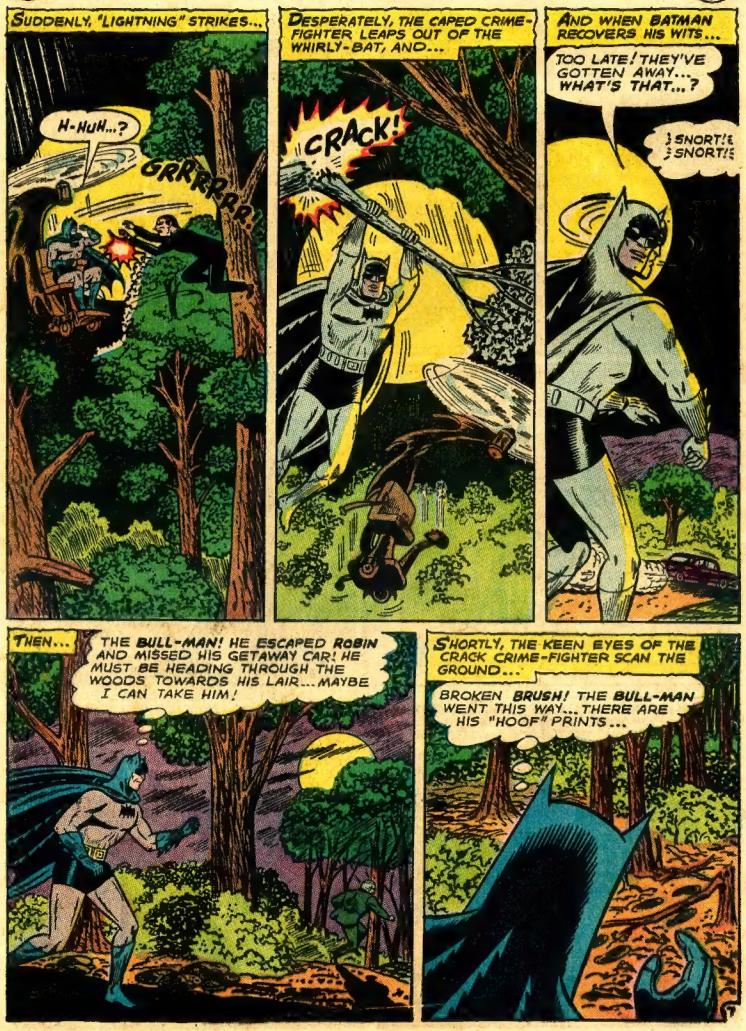

BUT THEN, TO BATMAN'S AMAZEMENT, THE JAGUAR-MAN STARTS RACING AROUND HIM AT TERRIFIC SPEED...
THE JAGUAR-MAN...ENTWINING BATMAN WITH HIS OWN BAT-ROPE! AND... THE BULL-MAN'S ABOUT TO CHARGE HIM...
HOTEL EXCEL

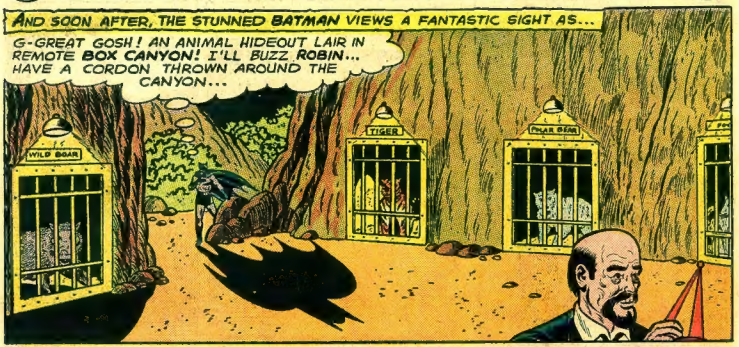

BOLDLY, THE BOY WONDER STEPS BEFORE THE CHARGING MENACE AND...
JUST AS I FIGURED--HE'S ATTRACTED BY THE MOVEMENT OF MY CAPE...LIKE A REAL BULL!
QUICK THINKING, ROBIN! IT GIVES ME TIME TO USE MY UTILITY-BELT KNIFE!


THEN, AS BATMAN UNSNARLS HIMSELF...
TRY TO HOLD THAT BULL-MAN AT BAY WHILE I GET THE WHIRLY-BAT FROM THE BATMOBILE AND GO AFTER THE JAGUAR!
I'LL BOTTLE HIM UP IN THIS ALLEY UNTIL HELP ARRIVES, BATMAN!


FOR LONG MINUTES, ROBIN "PLAYS" THE BULL-MAN WITH HIS CAPE, UNTIL...
OH-H-H-H!


MEANWHILE, IN A WOODED AREA...
THE JAGUAR RACED INTO THE FOLIAGE HERE...AND THERE'S THE SAME GETAWAY CAR WAITING... I'LL TAIL THEM...


SUDDENLY, "LIGHTNING" STRIKES...
H-HUH...?
GRRRRRR!
DESPERATELY, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER LEAPS OUT OF THE WHIRLY-BAT, AND...
CRACK!
AND WHEN BATMAN RECOVERS HIS WITS...
TOO LATE! THEY'VE GOTTEN AWAY... WHAT'S THAT...?
SNORT!
SNORT!
THEN...
THE BULL-MAN! HE ESCAPED ROBIN AND MISSED HIS GETAWAY CAR! HE MUST BE HEADING THROUGH THE WOODS TOWARDS HIS LAIR... MAYBE I CAN TAKE HIM!
SHORTLY, THE KEEN EYES OF THE CRACK CRIME-FIGHTER SCAN THE GROUND...
BROKEN BRUSH! THE BULL-MAN WENT THIS WAY... THERE ARE HIS "HOOF" PRINTS...

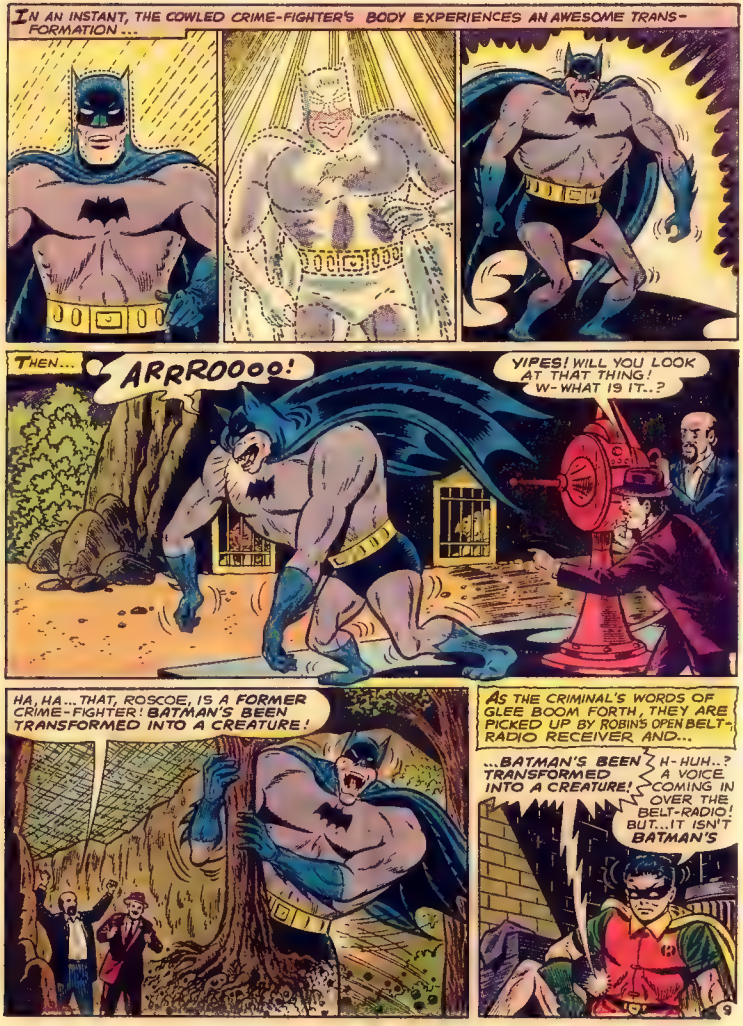

AND SOON AFTER, THE STUNNED BATMAN VIEWS A FANTASTIC SIGHT AS...
G-GREAT GOSH! AN ANIMAL HIDEOUT LAIR IN REMOTE BOX CANYON! I'LL BUZZ ROBIN... HAVE A CORDON THROWN AROUND THE CANYON...
WILD BOAR
TIGER
POLAR BEAR

BUT SUDDENLY, KEEN ANIMAL SENSES DETECT AN INTRUDER'S PRESENCE AND...
SOMEONE HERE..!
ROAR!

BATMAN! MUST FREE ONE OF MY ANIMALS... TO COMBAT HIM...
I'LL SPEAK TO ROBIN LATER! CAN'T LET HIM OPEN THAT CAGE...

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PULL ONE OF YOUR ANIMAL ACTS ON ME, MISTER!
I'M...AT BATMAN'S MERCY NOW... UNLESS...

IN DESPERATION, THE CRIMINAL SUDDENLY BOUNDS TO HIS INCREDIBLE MACHINE AND...
B-BATMAN...BEING BLASTED BY THE TRANSFORMATION RAY! GOSH...HOW WILL IT AFFECT HIM..?
I - I DON'T KNOW, ROSCOE! I'VE NEVER TRIED IT ON A HUMAN BEFORE! BUT... WE'LL SOON FIND OUT...
ZZZZZZZZ!


IN AN INSTANT, THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER'S BODY EXPERIENCES AN AWESOME TRANS-FORMATION ...
THEN...
ARRROOOO!
YIPES! WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT THING! W-WHAT IS IT..?
HA, HA... THAT, ROSCOE, IS A FORMER CRIME-FIGHTER! BATMAN'S BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A CREATURE!
AS THE CRIMINAL'S WORDS OF GLEE BOOM FORTH, THEY ARE PICKED UP BY ROBIN'S OPEN BELT-RADIO RECEIVER AND...
...BATMAN'S BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A CREATURE!
H-HUH..? A VOICE COMING IN OVER THE BELT-RADIO! BUT...IT ISN'T BATMAN'S

BATMAN...DO YOU READ ME? GOSH...NO REPLY! SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG--THAT VOICE MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT BATMAN BECOMING A CREATURE! BETTER HURRY TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
SHORTLY, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM...
AAARoooo!
A-A BATMAN CREATURE! MUST BE ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ANIMAL-MEN! SOMEONE CALL THE POLICE -- THE ARMY!
AND SOON AFTER, AS ROBIN SPEEDS TOWARDS HEADQUARTERS...
AND, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THE FANTASTIC BATMAN CREATURE IS NEAR THE GOTHAM STATE BUILDING...
B-BATMAN CREATURE! GOSH...THAT BELT-RADIO PICK-UP WAS FOR REAL! I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE AT ONCE!
TENSE MINUTES LATER, THE GOTHAM STATE BUILDING...
WAIT! DON'T SHOOT--THAT CREATURE IS REALLY BATMAN TRANSFORMED..
ROBIN--I HEARD THE NEWS REPORT AND HURRIED OVER HERE! IS BATMAN REALLY THAT CREATURE?
I'M AFRAID SO, BATWOMAN! BUT PERHAPS HE'LL RECOGNIZE ME IN THAT CONDITION... AND I CAN REASON WITH HIM...
YOU MUST, ROBIN--YOU MUST! I'LL STAY DOWN HERE AND SEE THAT THE POLICE HOLD THEIR FIRE!

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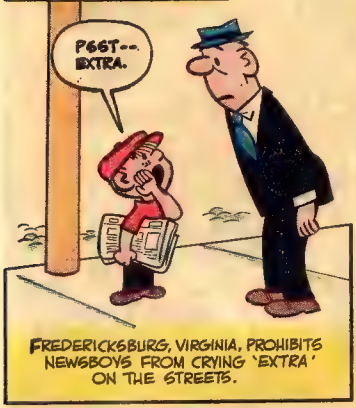
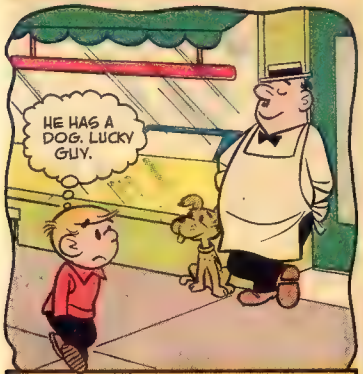
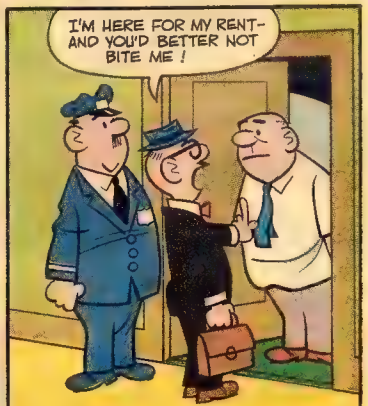


FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA, PROHIBITS NEWSBOYS FROM CRYING 'EXTRA' ON THE STREETS.

MASSACHUSETTS HAD A LAW MAKING IT A CRIME TO LOUNGE ON THE SHELVES OF A BAKERY.



PORTSMOUTH, OHIO, PROHIBITED ANY CITIZEN FROM KEEPING A DOG, EXEPT BUTCHERS.



IN ALABAMA, IT STILL IS A CRIME TO BITE YOUR LANDLORD.

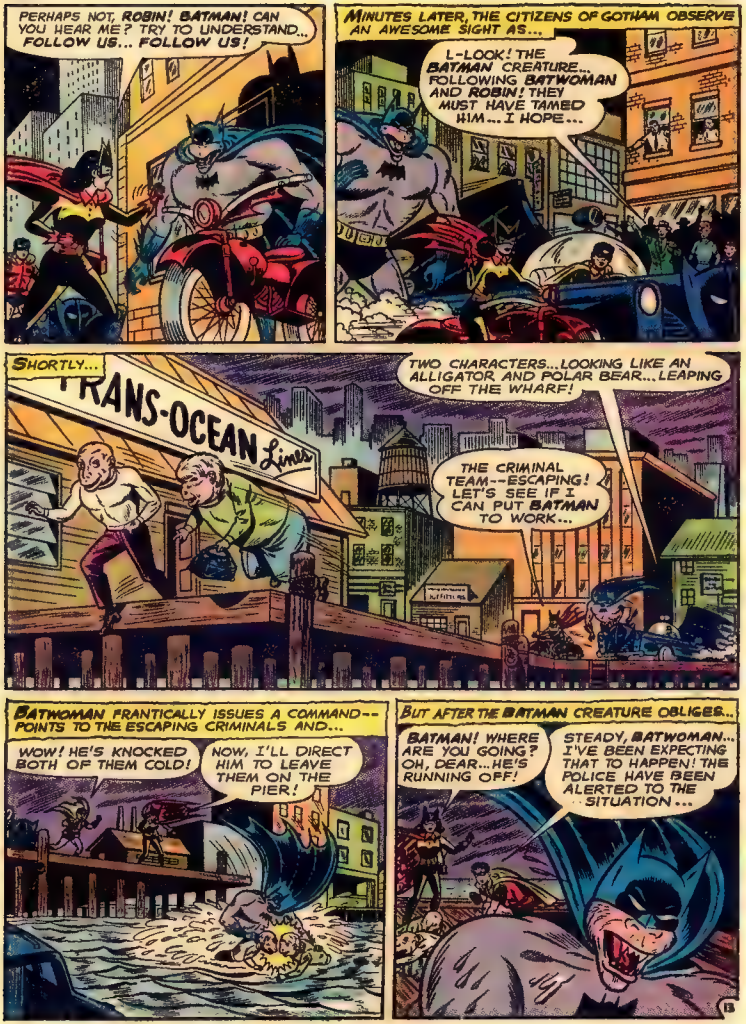
AND AFTER A SWIFT ELEVATOR ZIPS ROBIN TO THE TOP OF THE TOWERING BUILDING...
BRATA-BRATA!
MACHINE-GUN FIRE! WHO'S SHOOTING AT HIM?

ARMY JETS... TRYING TO PICK BATMAN OFF! WAIT--DON'T SHOOT! THAT CREATURE...IS BATMAN!
IT'S ROBIN...BATMAN'S PARTNER! HE MUST KNOW WHAT HE'S SAYING---CEASE FIRE!
U.S.A.F.

THEN, AS THE EYES OF GOTHAM LOOK TO THE GREAT DOME...
GRRROOOOW!
B-BATMAN... IT'S ME...ROBIN! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME..?

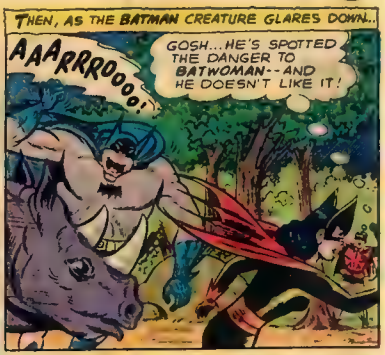
GRRRRRR!
I-I DIDN'T GET THROUGH TO HIM IN THAT CREATURE STATE! HE'S CLIMBING DOWN ...GOT TO GET TO THE STREET!

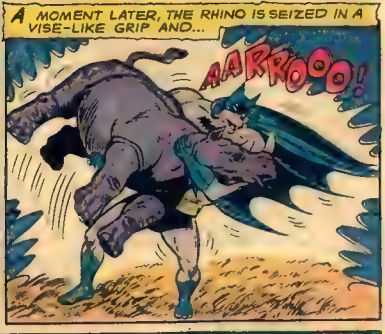
AS THE GREAT HULK BOUNDS TO THE SIDEWALK, ONLOOKERS FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES--ALL, SAVE ONE...
PLEASE...PLEASE, BATMAN--SHOW US THAT IN SOME WAY YOU KNOW US! IF YOU DON'T...THEY MAY SHOOT YOU DOWN...
SOB!
SOB!
THEN, AS THE BATMAN CREATURE HESITATES...
HEY! THE BATMAN CREATURE ISN'T ATTACKING BATWOMAN! HER TEARS SEEMED TO HAVE MADE HIM DOCILE...
I'LL SHOW YOU WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS, BATMAN! YOU MUST BE HUNGRY... I'LL BORROW SOME FOOD...
A MOMENT LATER, THE TENSENESS IS BROKEN AS...
YOU DID IT, BATWOMAN--YOU'VE WON HIS CONFIDENCE!
YES, ROBIN...HE'S MUNCHING AWAY AT THAT FRUIT LIKE A TRAINED PET! BUT...WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE..?
BUT BEFORE ROBIN CAN REPLY...
WE JUST RECEIVED A RADIO BULLETIN --TWO ANIMAL-LIKE CHARACTERS ARE ROBBING TRANS-OCEAN LINES!
"ANIMAL-LIKE"! LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT ANOTHER CRIMINAL BEAST TEAM TO COPE WITH, BATWOMAN! AND WE'VE LOST THE SERVICES OF BATMAN!

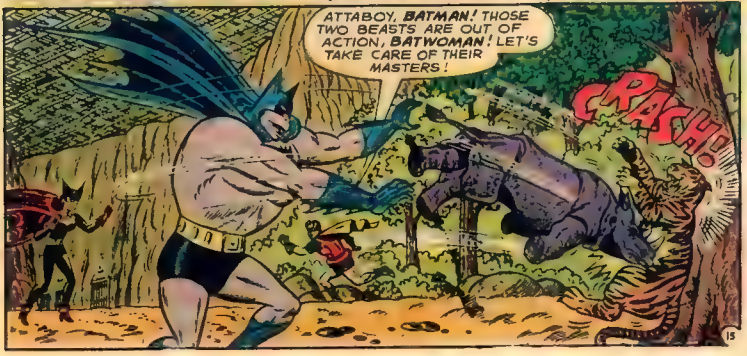

PERHAPS NOT, ROBIN! BATMAN! CAN YOU HEAR ME? TRY TO UNDERSTAND... FOLLOW US... FOLLOW US!
MINUTES LATER, THE CITIZENS OF GOTHAM OBSERVE AN AWESOME SIGHT AS...
L-LOOK! THE BATMAN CREATURE... FOLLOWING BATWOMAN AND ROBIN! THEY MUST HAVE TAMED HIM... I HOPE...
SHORTLY...
TRANS-OCEAN Lines
TWO CHARACTERS...LOOKING LIKE AN ALLIGATOR AND POLAR BEAR...LEAPING OFF THE WHARF!
THE CRIMINAL TEAM--ESCAPING! LET'S SEE IF I CAN PUT BATMAN TO WORK...
BATWOMAN FRANTICALLY ISSUES A COMMAND--POINTS TO THE ESCAPING CRIMINALS AND...
WOW! HE'S KNOCKED BOTH OF THEM COLD!
NOW, I'LL DIRECT HIM TO LEAVE THEM ON THE PIER!
BUT AFTER THE BATMAN CREATURE OBLIGES...
BATMAN! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? OH, DEAR...HE'S RUNNING OFF!
STEADY, BATWOMAN... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING THAT TO HAPPEN! THE POLICE HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THE SITUATION...

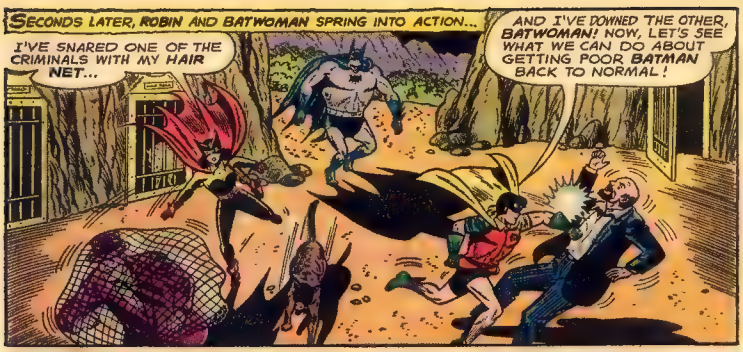
RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO LOCATE THE CRIMINAL HIDEOUT AND HOPE THERE'S A MEANS OF CHANGING BATMAN BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN! AND I'VE GOT AN IDEA...
ROBIN'S ABOUT TO CALL BAT-HOUND VIA THE SUPER-SONIC SIGNAL DEVICE SECRETED IN THE HEEL OF HIS BOOT! I WONDER WHAT HE HAS IN MIND?
THE ANSWER COMES SHORTLY AS...
HERE'S BAT-HOUND... RESPONDING TO MY CALL! NOW, I'LL RELEASE THIS POLAR BEAR CHARACTER AND PUT THE DOG ON HIS SCENT!
AND HOPE THAT THE ANIMAL-MAN WILL RETURN TO HIS LAIR...AND LEAD US THERE!
FOLLOWING THE POLAR BEAR'S SCENT, BAT-HOUND LEADS THE PAIR THROUGH A THICK WOOD...AND EVENTUALLY INTO A NARROW CANYON OPENING WHERE...
THE CRIMINAL LAIR! AND THAT DEVICE MUST BE THE TRANS-FORMATION MACHINE, BATWOMAN!
ROBIN AND BATWOMAN! QUICK, ROSCOE--OPEN THE ANIMAL CAGES!
TIGER
WITHIN SECONDS, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN FIND THEMSELVES CONFRONTING AWE-SOME ENEMIES AS...
ROARR!
A-A RHINO AND TIGER...CHARGING US! RUN, BATWOMAN--RUN!

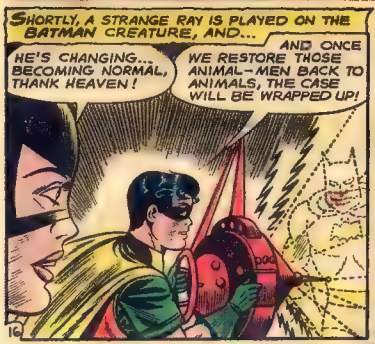
THEN, AS THE CRIME-FIGHTERS RACE FOR THEIR LIVES...
IT'S...NO USE, ROBIN! I CAN'T OUTRUN THIS RHINO..
BATWOMAN--IT'S BATMAN! HE INSTINCTIVELY CAME BACK HERE!


THEN, AS THE BATMAN CREATURE GLARES DOWN..
AAARRROOOO!
GOSH...HE'S SPOTTED THE DANGER TO BATWOMAN--AND HE DOESN'T LIKE IT!


A MOMENT LATER, THE RHINO IS SEIZED IN A VISE-LIKE GRIP AND...
AARROOO!


ATTABOY, BATMAN! THOSE TWO BEASTS ARE OUT OF ACTION, BATWOMAN! LET'S TAKE CARE OF THEIR MASTERS!
CRASH!


SECONDS LATER, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN SPRING INTO ACTION...
I'VE SNARED ONE OF THE CRIMINALS WITH MY HAIR NET...
AND I'VE DOWNED THE OTHER, BATWOMAN! NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT GETTING POOR BATMAN BACK TO NORMAL!


SHORTLY, A STRANGE RAY IS PLAYED ON THE BATMAN CREATURE, AND...
HE'S CHANGING... BECOMING NORMAL, THANK HEAVEN!
AND ONCE WE RESTORE THOSE ANIMAL-MEN BACK TO ANIMALS, THE CASE WILL BE WRAPPED UP!
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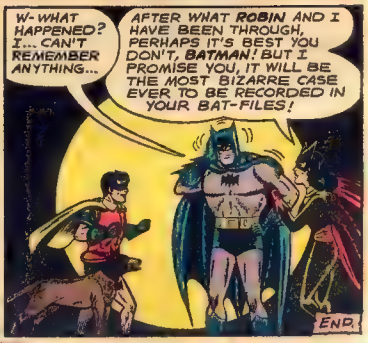
W-WHAT HAPPENED? I... CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING...
AFTER WHAT ROBIN AND I HAVE BEEN THROUGH, PERHAPS IT'S BEST YOU DON'T, BATMAN! BUT I PROMISE YOU, IT WILL BE THE MOST BIZARRE CASE EVER TO BE RECORDED IN YOUR BAT-FILES!
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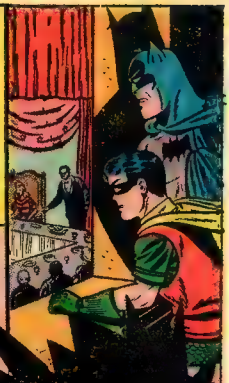

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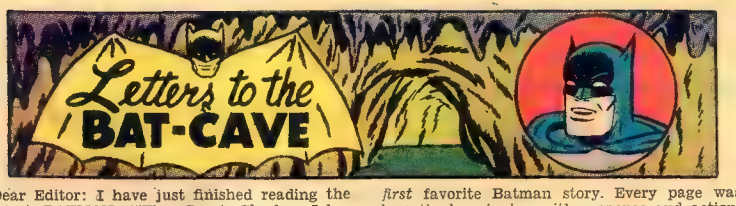

Dear Editor: I have just finished reading the latest BATMAN ("The Great Clayface-Joker Feud"), and I think it was the best one I have ever read. The idea of having Batman's two worst enemies in a feud was a great idea. It was a great title, to begin with, and having the picture of the Joker turning into Clayface made it even more interesting. One of the best parts, I thought, was the way Clayface and Joker planned their crimes to duplicate each other.

Barry Smith, Tarzana, Calif.

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Dear Editor: The November issue of BATMAN was half sensational and half failure. "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud" was one of the greatest stories ever printed. It was natural to have four of the Batman team battle two of the greatest criminals that have rampaged through the pages of BATMAN COMICS. I would like to see more stories of this kind.

Not so for the second story. "Boyhood of Bruce Wayne, Jr." was a pain to read. I had to force myself through it. But of course, the first story made up for it. "The Clayface-Joker Feud" will go into the Hall of Fame alongside "Rip Van Batman" and "Batman, Robot."

L. A. Phillips, Torrance, Calif.

(*Every man to his taste, but from the mail we've received, you would be very much in the minority about the second story, as the following letters, typical of many we've received, would indicate.—Ed.*)

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Dear Editor: Recently you have been coming up with some pretty good Batman stories, and "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud" is no exception. And I don't know if it's possible, but Bob Kane's artwork is getting better. Also, typical of your many Alfred human interest tales, "The Boyhood of Bruce Wayne, Jr." is an outstanding example. I'm sure you know how popular this series is, and that you should definitely keep it up. Thanks for the improvements on Batman, and for again making him one of my all-time favorites.

Edward Simpson III, Rochester, N.Y.

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Dear Editor: I've just finished reading "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud"—it was great. I especially liked "The Boyhood of Bruce Wayne, Jr." It was a heart-warming story.

Melvin Glonson, Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii

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Dear Editor: "The Boyhood of Bruce Wayne, Jr." turned out to be my third favorite Batman story by far! Every page of it was like being in a wonderful, humorous Garden of Eden. As for the artwork, it was brilliantly and uniquely excellent in every way. This was a pleasure to read. As for the other story in this issue, "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud," this rated as my *first* favorite Batman story. Every page was hauntingly gripping with suspense and action. And the artwork was a masterpiece; every page was fully detailed with not only excellent *front*-ground, but marvelous *back*-ground, too. I predict this story will be a collector's item and published in a BATMAN ANNUAL, as well!

Michael E. Colby, Hewlett Bay Park, L.I.

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Dear Editor: Once again, I've read the newest edition of BATMAN, and, as usual, I have little to offer but a bunch of roses—complete with thorns. To start with, the cover was unique, and although I personally find the idea of a thinking blob of clay able to manifest itself in any form it chooses revolting, I certainly admit it makes for an attractive comic cover.

The story with which the cover was concerned, "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud," was exciting, to say the least, and although my ideas of Clayface are such as I laid down in the preceding paragraph, he certainly makes a great villain and a great opponent for the Joker. I was particularly intrigued by the way the author handled the ending—it certainly had me fooled.

I haven't any complaints on the second story, and although it wasn't spectacular, I enjoyed the human interest angle.

Ian Poupard, North Surrey, B.C.

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Dear Editor: I just finished "Superman's Secret Master" and thought it was great. The story was exciting and kept you guessing. As for art work, it was the best you've done on WORLD'S FINEST, so keep up the good work.

Wayne Trowbridge, Topeka, Kansas

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Dear Editor: So far you've featured a second Batman and Robin team, so why can't you print a story where Bat-Girl grows up to be the second Batwoman?

Howard Reiss, New Haven, Conn.

(*We have one coming up in the next BATMAN issue. It's another Alfred tale—"Bat-Girl, Batwoman II," and we promise you a real treat. Featured in the May issue, also, will be another tremendous Joker story, "The Joker Jury." Right now, in the Mar. WORLD'S FINEST, you'll find another great Clayface story, "The Clayface Superman." And in DETECTIVE, Batman duels with still another spectacular rival in "The Strange Lives of the Cat-Man!"—Ed.*)

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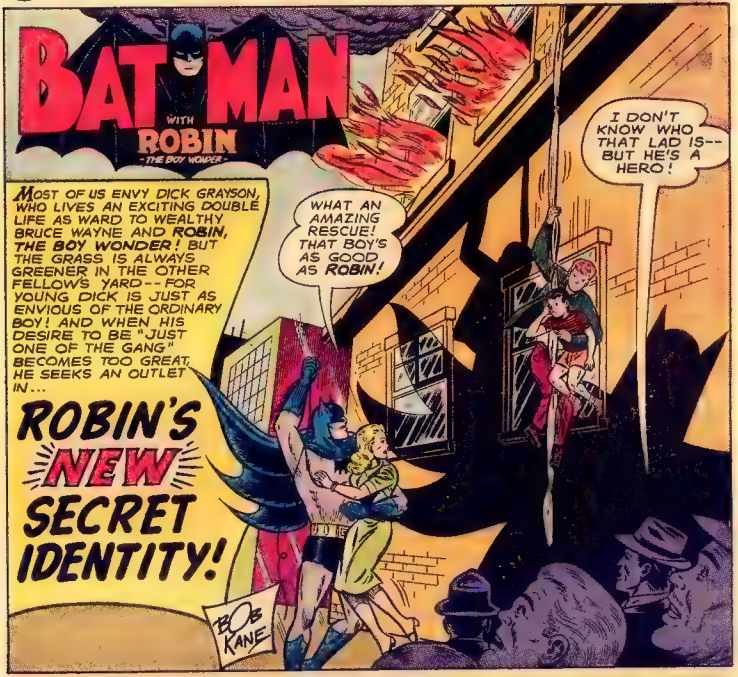
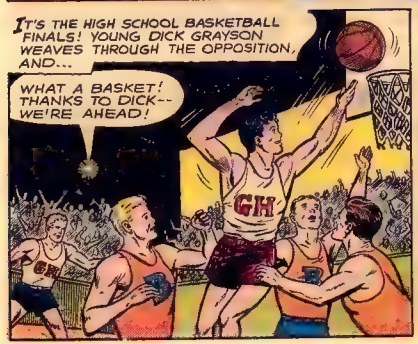

BAT MAN
WITH
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
MOST OF US ENVY DICK GRAYSON, WHO LIVES AN EXCITING DOUBLE LIFE AS WARD TO WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER! BUT THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER IN THE OTHER FELLOW'S YARD -- FOR YOUNG DICK IS JUST AS ENVIOUS OF THE ORDINARY BOY! AND WHEN HIS DESIRE TO BE "JUST ONE OF THE GANG" BECOMES TOO GREAT, HE SEEKS AN OUTLET IN...
ROBIN'S NEW SECRET IDENTITY!
BOB KANE
WHAT AN AMAZING RESCUE! THAT BOY'S AS GOOD AS ROBIN!
I DON'T KNOW WHO THAT LAD IS-- BUT HE'S A HERO!


IT'S THE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FINALS! YOUNG DICK GRAYSON WEAVES THROUGH THE OPPOSITION, AND...
WHAT A BASKET! THANKS TO DICK-- WE'RE AHEAD!
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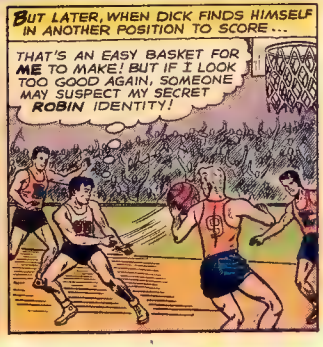
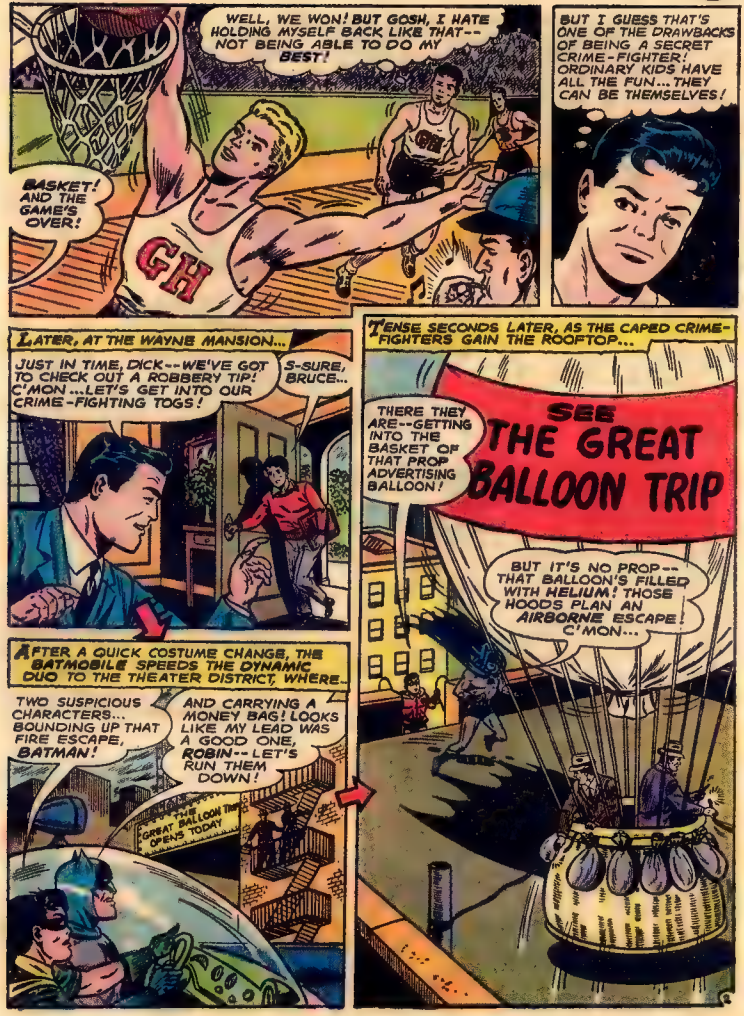
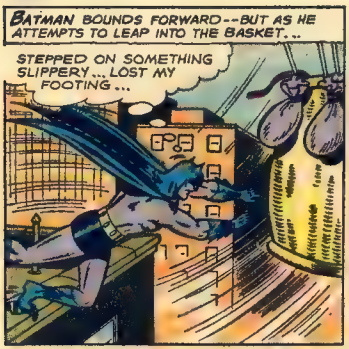
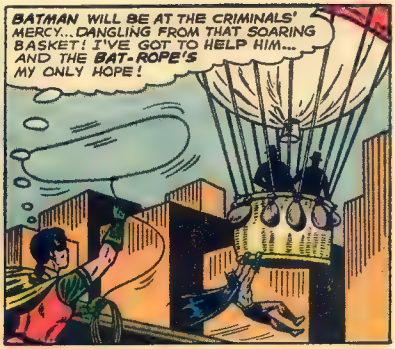
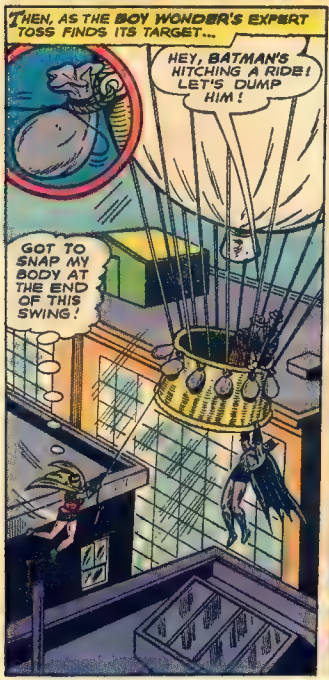
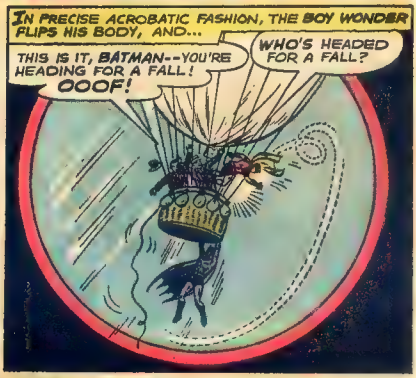

BUT LATER, WHEN DICK FINDS HIMSELF IN ANOTHER POSITION TO SCORE...
THAT'S AN EASY BASKET FOR ME TO MAKE! BUT IF I LOOK TOO GOOD AGAIN, SOMEONE MAY SUSPECT MY SECRET ROBIN IDENTITY!


WELL, WE WON! BUT GOSH, I HATE HOLDING MYSELF BACK LIKE THAT-- NOT BEING ABLE TO DO MY BEST!
BASKET! AND THE GAME'S OVER!
BUT I GUESS THAT'S ONE OF THE DRAWBACKS OF BEING A SECRET CRIME-FIGHTER! ORDINARY KIDS HAVE ALL THE FUN... THEY CAN BE THEMSELVES!
LATER, AT THE WAYNE MANSION...
JUST IN TIME, DICK--WE'VE GOT TO CHECK OUT A ROBBERY TIP! C'MON...LET'S GET INTO OUR CRIME-FIGHTING TOGS!
S-SURE, BRUCE...
AFTER A QUICK COSTUME CHANGE, THE BATMOBILE SPEEDS THE DYNAMIC DUO TO THE THEATER DISTRICT, WHERE...
TWO SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS... BOUNDING UP THAT FIRE ESCAPE, BATMAN!
AND CARRYING A MONEY BAG! LOOKS LIKE MY LEAD WAS A GOOD ONE, ROBIN--LET'S RUN THEM DOWN!
THE GREAT BALLOON TRIP OPENS TODAY
TENSE SECONDS LATER, AS THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS GAIN THE ROOFTOP...
THERE THEY ARE--GETTING INTO THE BASKET OF THAT PROP ADVERTISING BALLOON!
SEE THE GREAT BALLOON TRIP
BUT IT'S NO PROP--THAT BALLOON'S FILLED WITH HELIUM! THOSE HOODS PLAN AN AIRBORNE ESCAPE! C'MON...

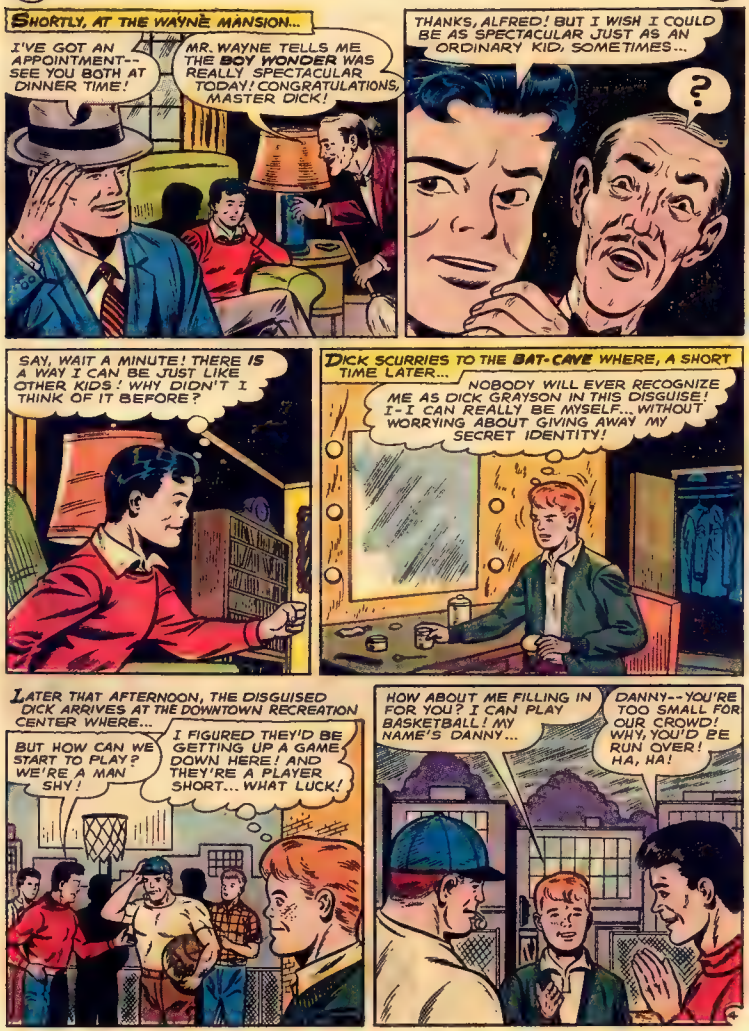

BATMAN BOUNDS FORWARD--BUT AS HE ATTEMPTS TO LEAP INTO THE BASKET...
STEPPED ON SOMETHING SLIPPERY... LOST MY FOOTING...


BATMAN WILL BE AT THE CRIMINALS' MERCY...DANGLING FROM THAT SOARING BASKET! I'VE GOT TO HELP HIM... AND THE BAT-ROPE'S MY ONLY HOPE!

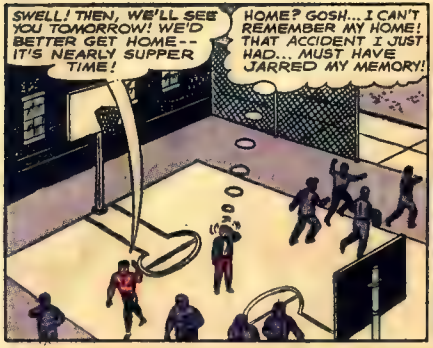

THEN, AS THE BOY WONDER'S EXPERT TOSS FINDS ITS TARGET...
HEY, BATMAN'S HITCHING A RIDE! LET'S DUMP HIM!
GOT TO SNAP MY BODY AT THE END OF THIS SWING!

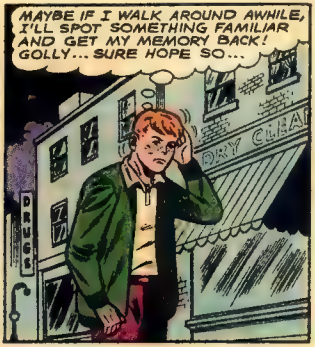

IN PRECISE ACROBATIC FASHION, THE BOY WONDER FLIPS HIS BODY, AND...
THIS IS IT, BATMAN--YOU'RE HEADING FOR A FALL!
WHO'S HEADED FOR A FALL?
OOOF!

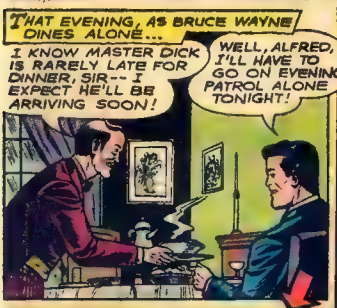
AND AFTER BATMAN BOUNDS INTO THE BASKET...
GREAT WORK, ROBIN--THAT TOOK REAL SKILL! WELL, LET'S LEAK GAS OUT OF THE BALLOON AND DROP THESE CHARACTERS OFF AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS!


SHORTLY, AT THE WAYNE MANSION...
I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT--SEE YOU BOTH AT DINNER TIME!
MR. WAYNE TELLS ME THE BOY WONDER WAS REALLY SPECTACULAR TODAY! CONGRATULATIONS, MASTER DICK!
THANKS, ALFRED! BUT I WISH I COULD BE AS SPECTACULAR JUST AS AN ORDINARY KID, SOMETIMES...
?
SAY, WAIT A MINUTE! THERE IS A WAY I CAN BE JUST LIKE OTHER KIDS! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE?
DICK SCURRIES TO THE BAT-CAVE WHERE, A SHORT TIME LATER...
NOBODY WILL EVER RECOGNIZE ME AS DICK GRAYSON IN THIS DISGUISE! I-I CAN REALLY BE MYSELF... WITHOUT WORRYING ABOUT GIVING AWAY MY SECRET IDENTITY!
LATER THAT AFTERNOON, THE DISGUISED DICK ARRIVES AT THE DOWNTOWN RECREATION CENTER WHERE...
BUT HOW CAN WE START TO PLAY? WE'RE A MAN SHY!
I FIGURED THEY'D BE GETTING UP A GAME DOWN HERE! AND THEY'RE A PLAYER SHORT... WHAT LUCK!
HOW ABOUT ME FILLING IN FOR YOU? I CAN PLAY BASKETBALL! MY NAME'S DANNY...
DANNY--YOU'RE TOO SMALL FOR OUR CROWD! WHY, YOU'D BE RUN OVER! HA, HA!

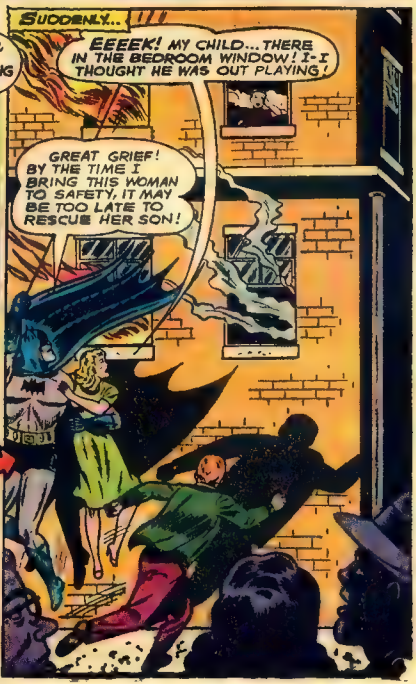
C'MON, DANNY--YOU CAN PLAY FOR US! AT LEAST WE'LL GET A GAME GOING!
IT'LL BE A SLAUGHTER! JUST REMEMBER--YOU ASKED FOR IT!
BUT NO SOONER DOES THE GAME START THAN...
H-HEY! WHAT HAPPENED..?
HE STOLE THE BALL FROM YOU, PHIL! HA, HA...
HAPPINESS SURGES THROUGH "DANNY'S" HEART AS HE DAZZLES HIS OPPONENTS WITH BRILLIANT PLAY...
I'M HAVING FUN... JUST LIKE ANY KID..
WOW! LOOK AT THAT DANNY GO!
NOW, I CAN DO MY BEST... WITHOUT FEAR OF REVEALING MY SECRET IDENTITY!
JUST AS THE FINAL WHISTLE BLOWS, DANNY IS SCRAMBLING FOR THE BALL WHEN...
OOOPS! SORRY, DANNY!
O-OH!
TWEEEE
AND AS THE CONCERNED PLAYERS GATHER ABOUT THE DAZED DANNY...
GOSH, I HOPE YOU'RE NOT HURT, DANNY! WE'D HATE TO LOSE A STAR PLAYER LIKE YOU!
THANKS! I GUESS I'M OKAY!

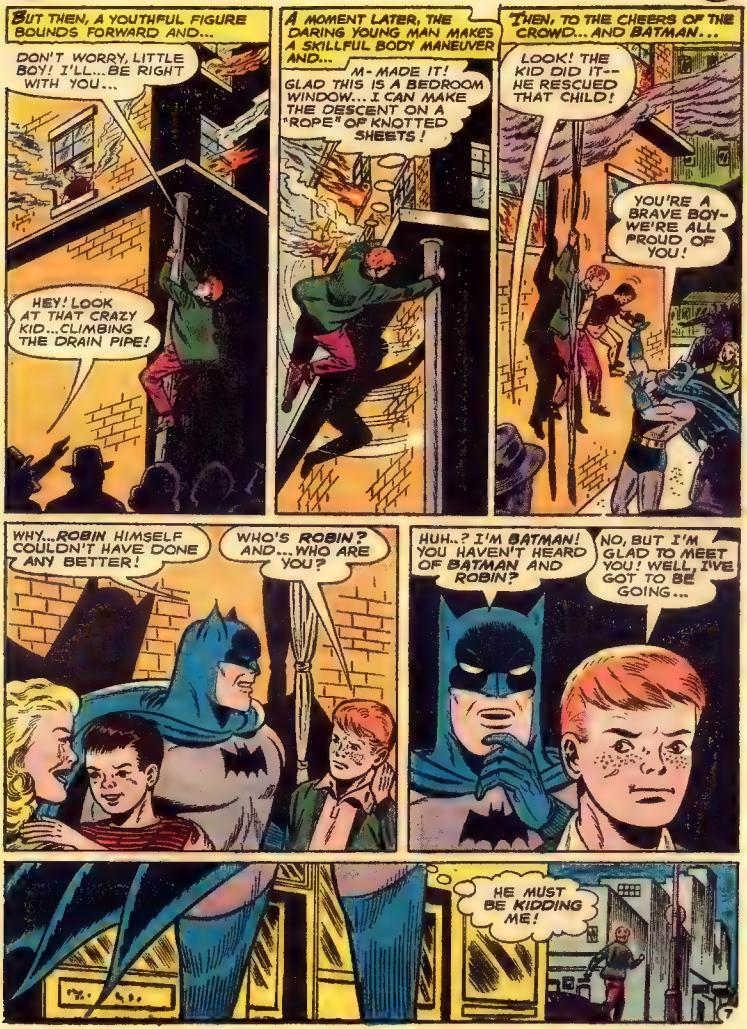

SWELL! THEN, WE'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW! WE'D BETTER GET HOME-- IT'S NEARLY SUPPER TIME!
HOME? GOSH... I CAN'T REMEMBER MY HOME! THAT ACCIDENT I JUST HAD... MUST HAVE JARRED MY MEMORY!

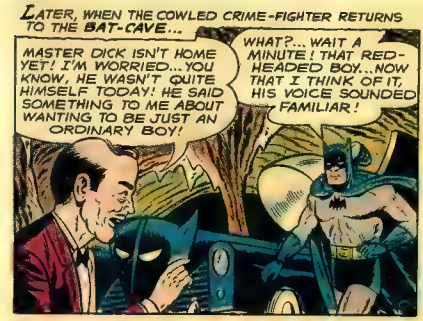

MAYBE IF I WALK AROUND AWHILE, I'LL SPOT SOMETHING FAMILIAR AND GET MY MEMORY BACK! GOLLY... SURE HOPE SO...
DRUGS
DRY CLEA

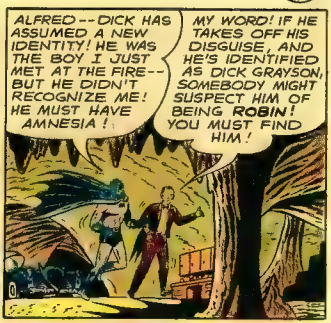

THAT EVENING, AS BRUCE WAYNE DINES ALONE...
I KNOW MASTER DICK IS RARELY LATE FOR DINNER, SIR-- I EXPECT HE'LL BE ARRIVING SOON!
WELL, ALFRED, I'LL HAVE TO GO ON EVENING PATROL ALONE TONIGHT!

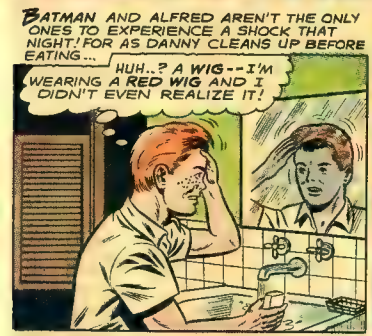
LATER THAT EVENING, SMOKE AND FLAME ATTRACT THE WANDERING DANNY TO A BLAZING FIRE SCENE, WHERE...
THE FIRE ENGINES HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET! BUT BATMAN'S ON THE JOB... MAKING A RESCUE!

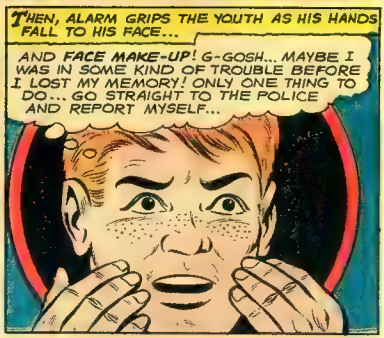

SUDDENLY...
EEEEK! MY CHILD... THERE IN THE BEDROOM WINDOW! I-I THOUGHT HE WAS OUT PLAYING!
GREAT GRIEF! BY THE TIME I BRING THIS WOMAN TO SAFETY, IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO RESCUE HER SON!

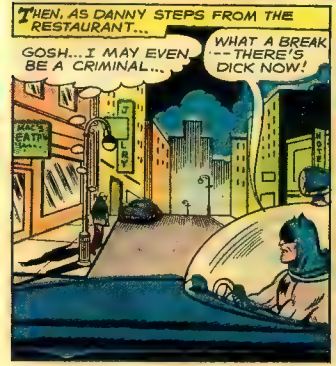

BUT THEN, A YOUTHFUL FIGURE BOUNDS FORWARD AND...
DON'T WORRY, LITTLE BOY! I'LL...BE RIGHT WITH YOU...
HEY! LOOK AT THAT CRAZY KID...CLIMBING THE DRAIN PIPE!
A MOMENT LATER, THE DARING YOUNG MAN MAKES A SKILLFUL BODY MANEUVER AND...
M-MADE IT! GLAD THIS IS A BEDROOM WINDOW... I CAN MAKE THE DESCENT ON A "ROPE" OF KNOTTED SHEETS!
THEN, TO THE CHEERS OF THE CROWD... AND BATMAN...
LOOK! THE KID DID IT--HE RESCUED THAT CHILD!
YOU'RE A BRAVE BOY--WE'RE ALL PROUD OF YOU!
WHY...ROBIN HIMSELF COULDN'T HAVE DONE ANY BETTER!
WHO'S ROBIN? AND...WHO ARE YOU?
HUH..? I'M BATMAN! YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF BATMAN AND ROBIN?
NO, BUT I'M GLAD TO MEET YOU! WELL, I'VE GOT TO BE GOING...
HE MUST BE KIDDING ME!

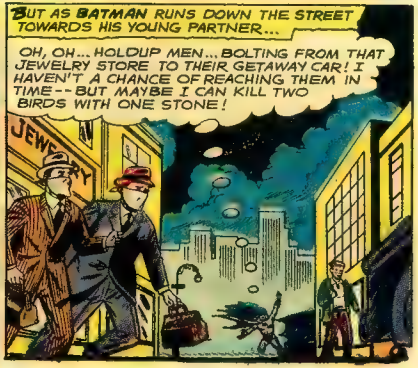

LATER, WHEN THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER RETURNS TO THE BAT-CAVE...
MASTER DICK ISN'T HOME YET! I'M WORRIED... YOU KNOW, HE WASN'T QUITE HIMSELF TODAY! HE SAID SOMETHING TO ME ABOUT WANTING TO BE JUST AN ORDINARY BOY!
WHAT?... WAIT A MINUTE! THAT RED-HEADED BOY...NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, HIS VOICE SOUNDED FAMILIAR!

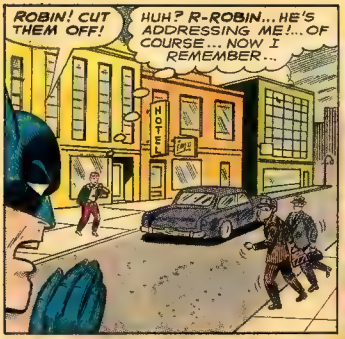

ALFRED--DICK HAS ASSUMED A NEW IDENTITY! HE WAS THE BOY I JUST MET AT THE FIRE--BUT HE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ME! HE MUST HAVE AMNESIA!
MY WORD! IF HE TAKES OFF HIS DISGUISE, AND HE'S IDENTIFIED AS DICK GRAYSON, SOMEBODY MIGHT SUSPECT HIM OF BEING ROBIN! YOU MUST FIND HIM!

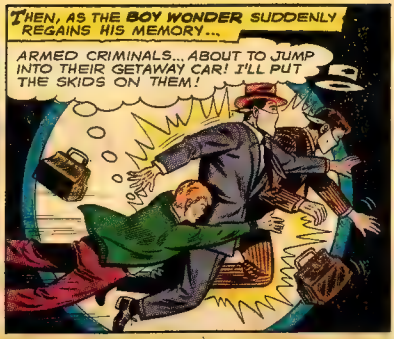

BATMAN AND ALFRED AREN'T THE ONLY ONES TO EXPERIENCE A SHOCK THAT NIGHT! FOR AS DANNY CLEANS UP BEFORE EATING...
HUH..? A WIG--I'M WEARING A RED WIG AND I DIDN'T EVEN REALIZE IT!

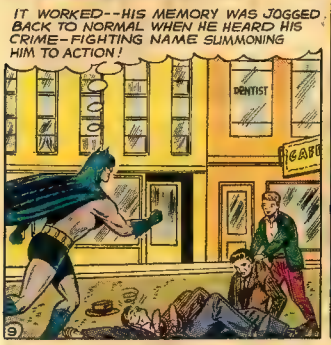

THEN, ALARM GRIPS THE YOUTH AS HIS HANDS FALL TO HIS FACE...
AND FACE MAKE-UP! G-GOSH... MAYBE I WAS IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE BEFORE I LOST MY MEMORY! ONLY ONE THING TO DO... GO STRAIGHT TO THE POLICE AND REPORT MYSELF...


THEN, AS DANNY STEPS FROM THE RESTAURANT...
GOSH... I MAY EVEN BE A CRIMINAL...
WHAT A BREAK--THERE'S DICK NOW!


BUT AS BATMAN RUNS DOWN THE STREET TOWARDS HIS YOUNG PARTNER...
OH, OH... HOLDUP MEN... BOLTING FROM THAT JEWELRY STORE TO THEIR GETAWAY CAR! I HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF REACHING THEM IN TIME--BUT MAYBE I CAN KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!
JEWELRY




THEN, AS THE BOY WONDER SUDDENLY REGAINS HIS MEMORY...
ARMED CRIMINALS... ABOUT TO JUMP INTO THEIR GETAWAY CAR! I'LL PUT THE SKIDS ON THEM!


IT WORKED--HIS MEMORY WAS JOGGED BACK TO NORMAL WHEN HE HEARD HIS CRIME-FIGHTING NAME SUMMONING HIM TO ACTION!
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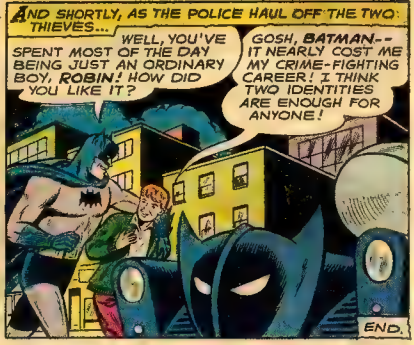
AND SHORTLY, AS THE POLICE HAUL OFF THE TWO THIEVES...
WELL, YOU'VE SPENT MOST OF THE DAY BEING JUST AN ORDINARY BOY, ROBIN! HOW DID YOU LIKE IT?
GOSH, BATMAN-- IT NEARLY COST ME MY CRIME-FIGHTING CAREER! I THINK TWO IDENTITIES ARE ENOUGH FOR ANYONE!
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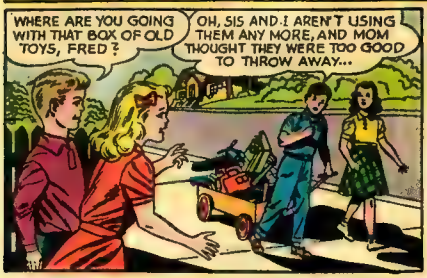
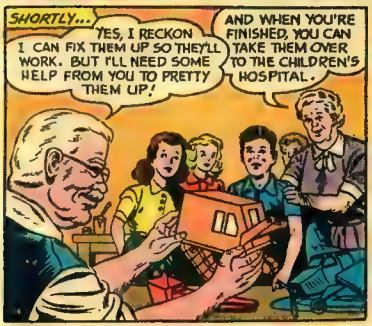
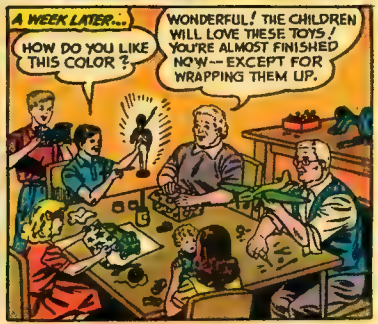
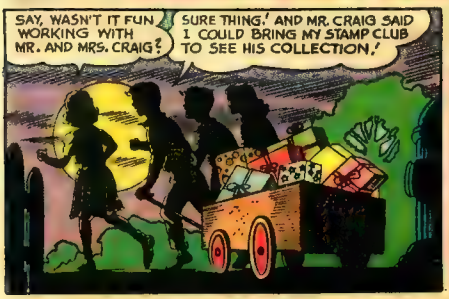

WHERE ARE YOU GOING WITH THAT BOX OF OLD TOYS, FRED?
OH, SIS AND I AREN'T USING THEM ANY MORE, AND MOM THOUGHT THEY WERE TOO GOOD TO THROW AWAY...

SO WE'RE TAKING THEM OVER TO MR. CRAIG'S HOUSE. HE LOVES TO FIX THINGS, AND MAYBE HE CAN TELL US WHAT TO DO WITH THEM.
COME ON WITH US...


SHORTLY...
YES, I RECKON I CAN FIX THEM UP SO THEY'LL WORK. BUT I'LL NEED SOME HELP FROM YOU TO PRETTY THEM UP!
AND WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED, YOU CAN TAKE THEM OVER TO THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.


A WEEK LATER...
HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS COLOR?
WONDERFUL! THE CHILDREN WILL LOVE THESE TOYS! YOU'RE ALMOST FINISHED NOW--EXCEPT FOR WRAPPING THEM UP.


SAY, WASN'T IT FUN WORKING WITH MR. AND MRS. CRAIG?
SURE THING! AND MR. CRAIG SAID I COULD BRING MY STAMP CLUB TO SEE HIS COLLECTION!

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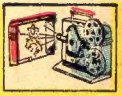
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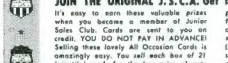
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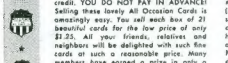
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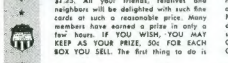
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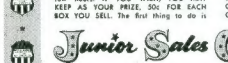
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